

## ABSTRACT

Apparatus for de-feathering (i.e. picking or plucking) poultry. More particularly, picking apparatus employing a plurality of elongated picking elements which are resistant to cracking and/or micro-poring, and which are preferably flexible and/or bendable and  
5 which are of sufficiently low mass such as to decrease poundage yield loss (e.g. decrease fat loss and poultry wing damage). In some embodiments, apparatus is provided having a plurality of filaments rotatable about an axis for removing feathers from a poultry carcass.